



NEWS RELEASE

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Lane Closures on U.S. 101 at the Cotati Grade

Cotati-Caltrans crews will be performing cone penetration testing on Thursday, February 1 from 8:00pm to 5:00am in the southbound lanes of the Cotati Grade. Crews will likely close and begin work at the number two, or slow lane, then close and begin work in the number one, or passing lane. The purpose of the geotechnical testing is to analyze the compaction grouting work performed in December.

During the testing, orange cones will be set on the roadway indicating lane closures, the California Highway Patrol will be on site to assist, and changeable message signs will be posted north of the closure.

Crews will repair and replace pavement at the Grade using grinding and paving Monday, February 5 and Tuesday, February 6 from 8:00pm to 5:00am.

Crews injected compaction grout at high pressure five to twenty feet below the roadway surface to improve stability previously weakened by sliding earth. This repair technique works in tandem with the drainage system and sheet pile wall Caltrans installed early in 2006.

Motorists are advised to expect heavy delays the nights of February 1, 5, and 6 as well as congestion during lane closures. Alternate routes are strongly suggested.

Crews did emergency and maintenance paving in this area on June 23, July 5, and July 26, 2006. Engineers continue to monitor movement at the slide area and take steps to maintain a safe and passable roadway.

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